MINUTES Dracut Open Space Committee Meeting April 9, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE:

Colleen Barclay, Marianne Blanchet, Bruce Cote, Emile Demers, Bill Greenwood, Karen Merrill and Dave Sutherland.

CALL TO ORDER:

Bruce opened the April 2015 meeting of the Dracut Open Space Committee at 6:35PM in the Dracut Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bruce reported that he and Dave intend to attend the MA Open Space Conference on May 9th. Bruce also reported that he, as Chairperson, has taped an episode of the Cathy Richardson show. He is not certain when the segment will be aired.

Karen shares a recruitment letter she received from the 'Trustees of Reservations.'

REVIEW MARCH MEETING MINUTES:

After review of the February minutes, Bill moved to accept as amended and Karen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OSC TRAIL GUIDE DESIGN REVIEW:

Bruce presented the invoice for the brochures and the town was charged less than originally quoted. The final price was \$355 for 500 guides.

We are reminded that after the brochure is finished, the students will make a presentation to the Selectmen.

We made one more review of the guide. Several changes were made in format, grammar and style. Bill agrees to make these changes in a word document and forward that to us all via email. Karen made a motion that the committee can review these changes and approve it by email so we can finalize it at our next meeting. Bill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES:

Bruce notes that Dracut will observe Earth Day on Saturday, April 18th. The committee comes to the conclusion that it is late to prepare an organized event, but Bruce suggests that we might follow his example and spend part of the day cleaning up a section of town.

Bill reports that The Dracut Garden Club is presenting a Live Owl Presentation on that day from 10AM to 1PM.

MAMMOTH ROAD - RICHARDSON PARCEL:

Karen had requested that this be placed on the agenda for discussion, but Warren Shaw attended our meeting as a member of the new Vision Committee which was formed to review the options open to the town for this piece of land. The committee consists of Warren, Mae Paquette, Ellis Neofotistis, Dave Paquin, Andy Graham, and a couple of people from the CPC. The parcel is 27 acres, and The Community Preservation Committee is having it appraised. Warren stated that this is an impressive piece of land that will require no investment on the part of the town.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill asks if there has been any activity on the letter he wrote about Proprietors' Way. There was an email asking for a meeting with Bill, Bruce, Tony, and town attorney, Jim Hall. Bruce agrees to follow up on that letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business raised at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 8:00PM which was seconded by Dave and passed unanimously.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Upcoming Open Space meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

Thursday, May 14, 2015 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, at 6:30PM Thursday, June 11, 2015 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, at 6:30PM.